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Dear Sir or Madam,

Market economics is a beneficial system because it produces a variety of product solutions and allows the consumer to choose. Monopolies function to the opposite. Microsoft certainly has a monopoly, actively seeks more control of its own market, and related services to reduce choice. It is not using advertising and competitive products as a tool of market share acquisition, it is seeking to use product coercion.

Consider current necessity of Windows operating system on storebought hardware, or Internet explorer in windows, would we permit a doctor such coercion " You can take this blood pressure medication, but the prescription comes with prozac and a laxative, in the same pill." Or microsofts goal of making its browser only search for, list and go to microsoft sites. Could A phone company demand that users not call people with other long distance plans? Or not call 911 because it is not a part of their package? Companies and service providers are allowed reasonable control over their product and services. Microsofts actions are not reasonable, not good for the consumer, the market, or our country. (is dependance on a bug-infested, inefficient and self-obsoleting system a good thing?).

Thank you for your time

-Michael Scoblete

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